NINE DEAD

Terrible Holocaust in a Seventh Avenue Flat House.

Panic and Death Caused by an Early Morning Fire.

ANOTHER DEATH TRAP.

Proper Fire Escapes Would Have Lessened the Life Loss.

Two Men Arrested on Suspicion of Arson.

Thrilling Scenes of Peril and Noble Rescue.

Twelve Families Rudely Awakened by Smoke and Flames.

Quick Work of the Fireman, but the Deadly Heat Was Quicker.

Just on the skirts of Capt. Reilly's "tenderloin" precinct, nine men, women and little children were sacrificed this morning in a veritable fire trap.

Following is a list of the dead and injured: DEAD. WILLIAM GLENNON, aged sixty years : burned to death. Mrs. MARY WELLS, aged thirty-one

years; smothered. JANE WELLS, aged four years; smoth-FOMMY WELLS, aged two years, smoth-

BERTHA LUSTIG, forty years, burned to death.

WILLIAM McKEE, forty-seven years old, burned to death.

JANE JEFFREY, sixty-five years old. NELLIE GEOGHEGAN, twenty years old, smothered.

ANNIE Mrs Jeffrey's servant, forty-five years old : stout : medium he ght; fair complexion; smothered.

WILLIAM GLENNON, jr., eighteen years old, burned on hands and feet.

JOHN GLENNON, badly burned about the body and face.

Mr. WALES, burns about face and hands. TWO CHILDREN of Mary Wales, nearly suffocated and slightly burned.

Sire & Sons are known all through that saction of the city as real estate owners. And one of their properties is the five-story brown-stone "double-decker" tenement house known as the Mitchell Flats. It occupies the whole Seventh avenue block, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets.

No. 305 is in about the middle of the block and a stairway runs up between it and 303. On the ground floor are stores-narrowand cheap.

Above these are doors to four tenements letting into the narrow hall on each floor.

The ground floor of 305 is or was occupied by John Snyder as a restaurant, which is open day and night.

On each of the four floors above the restaurant, which is about 15 feet wide, were two families. They were working people who hived in the building, and they were sleeping

peacefully at 5 o'clock this morning when Snyder arrived at the restaurant. Walter Brooks, the night cook, was there, At 5.10, while Snyder was sweeping the walk and Brooks was in a closet in the rear of

the building, a fire started mysteriously in the kitchen. In five minutes it was creeping up through

the tenement with stealthy but rapid pace. Brooks re-entered the kitchen and found

He rushed up through the building, knock. Tommy, hugged close in her arms. ing at every door and shouting: "Fire!

Fire! Hurry! Get out of here for your and had been overnowered by the smoke.

PANIC SEIZED THEM. The people roused from their slumbers by wildered and panic-stricken, while a number eem not to have heard the cry at all.

The firemen responded quickly to an alarm avenue, but when they arrived the flames death.
were leaping throughout the building.

ounded by Walter Brooks were finally



THE SCENE OF THE FIRE.

awakened by the fire and smoke which filled their rooms.
William Glennon, a feeble man of 60 years. lived with his wife and two young sons on

the first floor. AN OLD WOMAN RESCUED BY HER SONS. Mrs. Glennon was also feeble, and her boys, William and John, aroused her, and taking her in their arms carried her down the stairs with much difficulty to the side. walk and safety.

Then these brave boys returned to rescue their father. But it was too late, the fire filled their rooms and to venture in was certain death.

THE FATHER BURNED TO DEATH. They were obliged to abandon all hope of

Nellie Geoghegan lodged here. She was found by the young surgeon lying in a heap on the floor near her door.

and there by the tongues of flame, to the sidewalk.

BUT THE POOR GIRL DIED. The noble fellow was greeted by cheers and huzzas by the crowd which had congregated, but his bravery had been in vain. for poor Nelly, a pretty girl of twenty years, was dead. She had been suffocated by the

smoke.

By this time a score of the people who had



CARRYING OUT THE DEAD.

and almost every one missed some member of his or her family. The scene was sad, indeed. Women wept

and wrung their hands, and men were wild with excitement. FLAMES FILL THE BUILDING.

The building was now full of fire and

a horrible death. A family named Wells occupied the rear rooms on the third floor, and at this moment

the husband and father staggered out of the smoky hallway, clutching two little children in his arms. They were tarely alive, and stout and will-

ing hands relieved the father of his precious burden, taking them to a house near by. The half suffocated man was led to the residence of a friend in Twenty-eighth street, moaning that his wife and their two little

ones were still in the building. The fire was subdued after a little, and the firemen were enabled to go through the build-

A SIGHT TO CHILL THE BLOOD. Reaching the third floor they pushed open the door to We is's meavre apartments and there, close by the door, was a sight to chill the blood.

There was Mrs. Mary Wells, her face on the floor, dead, with her babes, Jane and

She had made a noble effort to save them,

NEW YORK, MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1889.

All had been suffocated. The body of Bertha Lustig, a woman

of forty years, was found in the the startling cry ran into the halls be- hallway on the first floor burned almost beyond recognition, and the body of an unknown woman, stout of build, fair complexioned and comely, was found in the sounded by the officer on post in Seventh hallway above. She had been smothered to

Jane Jeffrey, an aged woman, and William Those who had not heard the alarm McKee aged forty-seven years, also lost their lives by the fire and smoke.

THE BODIES TAKEN TO THE STATION. The bodies were removed to the Thirtieth Street Police Station, where they still lie. A crowd of 200 people clusters about the entrance to the station, but no one has offered to identify the remains of the unkbown

TWO MEN ARRESTED FOR ARSON. Detective Hayes was detailed by Sergt. Schmittberger to investigate the fire, and as a result of his discoveries Restaurant-keeper John Snyder and his cook, Walter Brooks, were placed under arrest at 8 o'clock this morning, the circumstances of the fire seeming to point to them as in-

the fire seeming to point to the centileries.

Sergt. Schmittberger's big frame swelled with indignation as he listened to the report of Detective Haves, and he has not gone to bed yet. He is sifting the story of the holocaust to the bottom.

There were sixteen apartments letting into the story of the holocaust to the bottom. the stairway, which ran up between 363 and 503 eventh avenue, and some sixty persons lived in the tenement.

A DEATH TRAP.

"Why, said the bluff and indignant Sergent, "there was not a ladder attached to the fire-escape at all, nor any way of getting down from one alleged fire-escape to another. That is in direct violation of the law. The people were simply bemmed in. There was no escape for them except by way of the one statemen."

staticase."

Not only were there no ladders, but some of the escape lalconies were mainly wood.

One of the first things that Detective Hayes learned was that John Snyder carried about in his pocket a policy of insurance on his goods. It was issued by the German-American Insurance Company and was for \$1,000.

GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION. There were nine tables and a few chairs in the restaurant, which was completely gutted. Snyder had been in justicess there for two years and the p ace got afire in a mysterious years and the place got anre in a mysterious way about a year ago.

When the detective reported these facts to his superior the Sergeant drew a long breath "Go and arrest Snyder and his cook imme-diately," he said, and the men were brought into the station.

into the station. THE TWO PRISONERS.

They were obliged to abandon all hope of saving their father, and, indeed, he was burned to death already.

The young men wrung their hands and ran hither and thither in an agony of grief, and had not noticed that they were badly burned about the face, hands, feet and body. They were prevailed upon finally to enter an ambulance, and were taken to New York Hospital.

An ambulance surgeon ran up through the building to the third floor.

The fire had not yet reached that floor, but the rooms were dense with smoke.

Nellie Geoghegan lodged here. She was found by the young surgeon lying in a hear found by the young surgeon lying in a hear found by the young surgeon lying in a hear found by the young surgeon lying in a hear found by the young surgeon lying in a hear found by the young surgeon lying in a hear found by the young surgeon lying in a hear found by the young surgeon lying in a hear found by the young surgeon lying in a hear found to save the first as I know of. We had three fires and had been out about five minutes when he yelled fire. There wasn't anything there to catch fire as I know of. We had three fires in the kitchen. There was one in the range, one under the drum for the steam table on which we keep cooked up stuff warm and there was a fire in the boiler. Everything was all right when I went out to sweep. The world was all right when I went out to sweep. The world was all right when I went out to sweep. The was a fire in the boiler Everything was all right when I went out to sweep. The world was all right when I went out to sweep. The world was all right when I went out to sweep. The world was all right when I went out to sweep. The world was all right when I went out to sweep. The world was all right when I went out to sweep. The world was all right when I went out to sweep. The world was all right when I went on the walk sweeping. I left Brooks in the restaurant. Snyder said: "I was out on the walk sweeping. I left Brooks in the restaurant. Snyder said: "I was out on the walk sweeping. I left Bro

WHAT BROOKS SAYS. Brooks, taken aside by an Evening World A SURGEON'S HEROISM.

He seized ber in his arms and carried her down through blinding smoke, licked here

Brooks, taken and color of the place all night. When Mr. Snyder came in everything was all right. I went out to the closet shortly after, and when I came in again the place

n fire.
can't tell whether Mr. Snyder went out
e I did or not, but I don't see how the before I did or not, but I don't see how the thing could get afire. I ran up through the building and yelled and awakened all the people I could,"

"Has business been pretty good, at the res-taurant?" sked the reporter.
"No. We've had pretty poor business."

replied the cook.

SOME SAY THEY DID NOT SEE HIM. The people who escaped from the upper floors of the building say they he ther saw nor heard the colored man in the hallway.

WAS KEROSENE USED? "The swiftness of the blaze suggests kero-

There was a doorway leading from the resaurant into the hallway, and the fire spent tself in the hallway, only spreading on the apper floor. The tenements on the south side

There was not a head at any window, not a oul was stirring.

They dashed up the stairs, broke into the and smashed transom windows to alarm the inmates.

ESCAPING BY WINDOWS. Many of the people escaped by crawling along the alleged fire-escapes in front rom their own windows to those of the neighbor-ing flats, but those in the rear had no chance The fire went out like a snuffed candle

when the engines began to play upon it.

The battle was brief, but the loss of life errific.
Later investigation of the restaurant kitchen seems to show that a pot of grease which stood on the range had tipped or been tipped over, nobody will tell, igniting by the range fire and spreading to t e floor and partitions and finding draught through the stairway to the roof.

AWAKENED BY THE FLAMES. Thomas F. McDermott, a grocer, who lives heavy smoke, and to venture in was to invite at 303 Seventh avenue, next door to the burned tenement, said:
'I heard the noise in the street of people crying' fire' just before 5 o'clock and jumped

out of bed.

"The smoke and flames were rushing past
my windows both in the front and rear, but
there was more in the rear.

"An iron balcony in the front, on Seventh avenue, conued a my windows with those of the first floor flat in 305, and when I opened my windows I saw the Kloaters, a French family, getting out with their children.

CHILDREN SAVED. "I took them into my rooms at once. They were very much frightened, and if they had remained in their rooms a few minutes more they would surely have been smothered, the smoke was so thick."

A LIST OF THE PAMILIES. Mr. McDermott gave this list of the families iving in the bouse:

On the first apariment floor were the Gleunons and the Kloaters, the latter occupying the entire floor right through.

The second floor was occupied by the McKees and Wilsons in front, and the family of Frank Wells, consisting of his wife and four children in the rear.

The third floor tenants were a family of Joneses, Mrs. Jeffries and her meec Nellie

NONE REACHED THE DOOR.

"Not a single person who escaped from the fire-trap," said Mr. Mc! ermoti, "got out through the front door. They all went out by the roof.

WHAT ONE OF THE SAVED SAYS. What one of the saved save,
Richard Shannon, who lives with his wife
and week old haby on the top floor, said:
"We were all asleep when the fire broke
out. I was waked up by the people howling
in the street. I got up and opened the door
and the smoke in the hall was so thick that I
was nearly strangled. I ran back and woke
my wife and grabbed the baby and started
for the roof.

NEARLY STRANGLED BY SMOKE. "The people in the house crowded about the laider. I got my wife and baby out and then started back to get some clothes, but I was frightened and nearly strangled by the smoke and managed to find the laider again before I was overcome.

"I heard a man coughing on the stairway and saw him roll back out of sight.

"When I got out I was so dazed that it took me some time to collect my senses.

EVERYTHING LOST.

"My wife was taken in by Mrs. Garvey, of 3. We lost all our clothing and every-ing, and my wife is suffering greatly from The fire must have been going some time

before I woke up."

Mrs. Garvey corroborated this story, and told the reporter how Mrs. Shannon came in from the roof barefooted carrying her base in her arms.

Frank Burke, who lives on the fourth floor, described how he was aroused by the shouls of the tenants on the lower floors. The only other occupants of his rooms were his brother and a friend named Matt Coly.

They made their way to the roof with the others who escaped.

ACTED AS A FLUE. The flames were rushing up between the balusters as if it had been an air shaft.

'I saw Johnnie Glennon carrying up his old mother. He had her under one arm and he held on to the balusters with his other hand. The fire had charred and bleached it. A HUSBAND'S PATAL SEABCH.

"Their father, old William Glennon, did not know that his wife bad escaped and he went back to look for her. His a n William went to bring him out, but it was too late, and he could not get through the flames. "I had to cull Matt Coly out of bed and drag him upstairs to the roof."

SAD DRATH OF MRS. WELLS AND HER CHILDREN.
One of the saddest incidents of the terrible
disaster was the death of Mrs. Wells and her two little children. When they were aroused the father took his two eldest children in his arms and started for the roof, as it was impossible to go down-

He called to his wife to follow him with the two younger ones. The smoke was so thick that she must have lost her way, for when her hus and reached the top floor he could see her nowhere.

DRIVEN BACK BY THE FIRE. He left the two children on the roof and started back to her assistance, but the flames drove him up again.

The bodies of all three were found in the hallway by the firemen. They had been smothered to death and horribly burned.

A NOBLE GIRL'S DEATH. A NOBLE GIRL'S DEATH.

Miss Nellie McGeoghan, who died while trying to assist her aged aunt, Mrs. Jeffries, to escape, was a beautiful girl of eighteen.

Every one who lives in the house speaks well of her, and she was a favorite with every one. She was devoted to the care of her aunt, who was an invalid, and lived on a pen-ion granted to her husband, who was a veteran.

NO HOPE OF ESCAPE. Their rooms were right over the place where the fire burned fiercest, and they were woolen fire-escape outside their window offered no means of escape because it was merely a landing and had no drop-ladder.

Several of the tenants of the house, including Frank Burke, said that the fire originated in the kitchen in the fire literally penned up in their apartments. The

in the kitchen in the rear of the restaurant. BELIEVED IT WAS INCENDIARY. "A pot of grease on the range was upset." said Burke, "and I believe it was done intentionally. The proprietor, Suyder, was out on the sidewalk and the cook was out in the yard, so they say, and this is a suspicious

"There was another fire here about two years ago of just the same kind, and I believe that the man only wanted to get his msur-

itself in the hallway, only spreading on the upper floor. The tenements on the south side of the hall, over 3:3, were unharmed except by smoke, and the whole damage to property will not exceed \$10,000.

Policemen Warner and McCullough stood on the corner of Twenty-eighth street, when they heard a yell of fear and pain. Looking down the avenue they beheld flames belching from the windows of the restaurant, a flash, and in another moment the flames were issuing from the roof of the building.

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"The barkeeper in Laverty's saloon, on the avenue told me this morning that he often saw Snyder on the sidewalk when ne went by in the morning, and that he always spoke to him. This morning has a low class of people.

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"The restaurant was patronized only by a low class of people. the morning, and that he always spoke to him. The morning he said 'Good morning' to Suyder, but the latter did not notice him at all, although he repeated the salutation. ''Only a couple of minutes afterwards the "Only a couple of minutes afterwards the flames broke out, and in an instant almost the entire re taurant was after, front and rear. That certainly looks suspicious."

CULPARLE IGNORANCE. At the office of Sire & Sons the owners of the tenement house, all information was re-fused as to the tenants and losses.

When asked why the building was not provided with proper fire-escapes the agent re-

I don't know anything about it." Acting Capt. Schmittberger said: NO FIRE-ENCAPES CAUSED THE LOSS OF LIFE. "The want of proper fire-escapes certainly caused the loss of life, and the failure to pro-vide them is a clear violation of the law."

HIS INSURANCE POLICY IN HIS POCKET. He added that one of the most suspicious circumstances connected with the origin of the fire was the fact that when he arrested the fire was the fact that when he arrested Snyder, the preprietor of the restairant at the corner of Twenty seventh street, the latter had his policy of \$1,000 insurance on his place in his recket, although he claimed he had not been able to save even the cash in

e money drawer. The policy would have expired on Sept. 24. THE FIRE MARSHAL WILL INVESTIGATE.
Both Snyder and the colored cook will be held to await the Coroner's investigation, and the Fire Marshal will also make an investiga-

tion on his own ac cunt.

The tenants of the building say that the smoke was very thick and seemed like that of hurning grease. Suyder save there was no grease in the kitchen at the time, THE CORONER SIX HOURS LATE.

It was 12.30 before the attendance of a cor-oner could be obtained, though notice was sent to the Coroner's office six hours before. Coroner Haniy and Deputy Doulin em-paneled a jury and appointed Monday next for the inquest.
The hodies of Mrs. Wells and her two chil-

McGeoghan and servant Annie and the McGeoghan and servant Annie and the McGeoghan and servant Annie and the McGeoghan and Shannons occupied the top floor. GIBLIN MAY HOPE. STATE DEMOCRATS.

With Alleged New Evidence.

Decision Reserved on His Application for a New Trial.

Condemned. Sizing Them Up for His Professional Work

on Friday Morning.

Hangman Atkinson Pays a Visit to the

Charles Giblin, convicted of the murder of Madeline Goelz, made one last desperate effort to-day to avoid being compelled to join Carolin, Lewis, Nolan and Packenham on the gallows in the Tombs yard Friday morning. William F. Howe, Giblin's counsel, acted as intercessor while his client lingered in the

cage of the condemned anxiously awaiting the result. Mr. Howe was early in Supreme Court, Chambers, this morning, and moved Justice Barrett for an order to show cause why a new trial for Giblin should not be granted.

Mrs. Giblin, the nest-looking young wife of the condemned man, was in court holding

one of her children by the arm. Mr Howe urged eloquently that he was it possession of new evidence which entirely changed the aspect of Giblin's case." This evidence, he said, was to the effect that instead of Giblin being the owner of the weapon with which the woman was killed, it was the Convention.

The Tammany Hall braves are showing the property of Mr. Goelz, and during a struggle between Goelz and Giblin for its possession it went off.

Parker ap.

The Tummany Hall braves are successful their teeth, however, another way.

They are on the warpath for the coming local battle in New York, and they think they can break up the County Democracy by

peared on behalf of the people.

The new testimony, Mr. Howe added, was from Fanny and Gussie Nelson, sisters, who lived over the Goelz's store. Facus was a witness on behalf of the people on the trial, but Gussie was not. The natter heard Goelz threaten Giblin's life.

but Gussie was not. The latter heard Goelz threaten Giblin's life.

She saw a man named Tony Schwab strike Giblin and fell him to the floor. He arose and his face was covered with blood, and then it was that the struggle took place.

She heard Goelz, who denied on the trial that he owned the pistol or that he ever owned one, say after the shooting to Schwab; "Tony, have you my pistol?" Schwab, she says, replied. "Yes, I have. Here, put it in your pocket and look out for the 'copper' or he will take it from you."

Mr. Parker read 'in opposition the affidavit of Maggie Goelz, to the effect that Gussie Nesson did not come into the store until fully five minutes after the shooting.

On Gibtin's side Mary Jacobs made affidavit that at the time of the shooting the Nelsons always spoke of it as a most cold-blooded murder, but recently they have experienced a complete change, and have asserted frequently that Gibtin's convict on was most unjust and they would "lay money on it" that Gibtin would not bang.

After addresses pro and con by Assistant District-Attorney Parker and Mr. Howe, Justice Barrett took the papers and reserved his decision.

After a good night's aleep the five con-

After a good night's sleep the five con-demned men in the Tombs awoke this morn-ing with hearty appetites and disposed of an abundant breakfast, consisting of beefsteak with onions, scrambles eggs, catment and milk fruit, bread and butter and coffee.

Deputy Sheriff Burke, and the other three deputy heriffs, Whalen, O'Donnell and Fitzgerald, with six specials, were relieved at 8 o'clock by Deputy Sheriff Anderson and his companions, Deputy Sheriffs Brassel, Bennett and Byrnes, with ax specials.

nett and Byrnes, with six specials.

Joe Atkinson, the hingman, showed up at the Tombs at 9 o'clock this morning and paid his respects to the quintet of gentlemen whose necks he is to break next Friday. nett and Byrnes, with a x specials. whose necks he is to break next Friday.

The cordial feeling that must have been felt may be imagined as Joe's eye casually sized up the weight of his different victums and took a subdued professional interest in the appearance of their necks. He came to look after some preliminaries of the execution.

Warden Osborne received a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Smith this morning, who asked that she might be permitted to send flowers to the condemned. She says she has beflowered for twenty years those who were fruit for the languan. The Warden is onfruit for the liningman. The Warden is onore fittingly disposed in hospitals or found-

ling asycums.
Under Sheriff Sexton was at the Tombs this morning. So was father Premiergast, the brilliant Jesuit father from St. Francis Xavier's. Father Golinas came at 11 to console and advise has little flock.

All the men are Catholics. Lewis, the negro, and Car im were baptized since they were confined in the Tombs, and have already

received the Holy Sacrament once or twice.

The condemned men are in the best of dispositions. Packenham, who looks more like a Sunday school su, erintendent than a mur-derer, says he is only getting his deserts and le content to die at peace with the world.

Lewis takes the matter philosophically, says he knows he has got to swing, and that

is all there is about it.

Packenham and Carolin had a game of dominoes this morning. The men sit about in their shirt sleeves and waistcoats. I wo of Noian's cousins visited him this morning

WILSON ON THE NORMANDIE.

The French liner Normandie arrived at her dock this afternoon. She had on board M. and Mme. Wilson, son-in-law and daughter of ex-President Grevy, of France.

M. Wilson was accused of selling his alleged

DAUGHTER ARRIVE.

offus nee with the Government in the bestowing of the legion of honor. His conviction sed to the resignation of President Grevy and the downfall of his government.

Results at Saratoga.

SARATOGA RACE TRACK, Aug. 19.—Here are the results of the races run to-day. The track

the results of the races rim to-day. The track was in fine condition and the attendance larke. First Race—Selling allowances; five furlings.—Objection won by a short mose from Lady Pulsifer, two lengths before Lucan. Time—1.02%.

Second Race.—Conditions and distance same as first and resulted in another close finish. Boccaccio winning by a short hear from Deer Lolge, lapped by Haramboure. Time—1.03%. Third Race.—For three-year-olds and upwards, at a mile and a prioning was won by Brown Princess in a caute, four lengths from Duke of Higblands, half a length before King Crab. Time—1.48%.

Mr. Howe Goes Before Judge Earrett A Lot of Them Ready for To-Morrow's Committee Meeting at Saratoga.

> Probably No Chance for a Hill and The Man Who Lost \$150,000 at Cards Anti-Hill Quarrel.

Will Fight on Representatives-

ISPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. Sanatoga, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Democratic politicians from all parts of the State are arriving here to attend to-morrow evening's meeting of the State Committee.

phy. of Troy, arrived this morning. Croker and Murphy bave been conferring together since Saturday. Police Justice Maurice J. Power will not

Chamberlain Croker and ex Mayor Mur-

be here until to-morrow morning. He will spend this even ng at Albany where he will meet D. Cody Herrick, the leader of the anti-Hill faction of the Democ-

The friends and the enemies of Gov. Hill say that the two factions in the State Committee will not clash to morrow, as there is The Committee meets merely to select the

date and place to hold the State Convention.

There will be no show of the strength of the Hill and anti-Hill factions, unless there should be a factional fight over the place for

one more defeat.

The County Democrats who are here are also boastful. They say that there is no chance for barmony in New York City.

There will be some fun at the State Con-

vention. Tammany Hall will insist on getting s larger representation of delegates.
The Wigwam leaders do not think the County Democrats are entitled to more than

County Democrats are entitled to more than twenty delegates.
At recent conventions each machine has had thirty-six delegates.
Of course the County Democracy leaders will oppose a reduction of their ratio of representation in the Convention.

The rural Democrats are generally in favor of keeping the New York City delegation equally div ded. The vote of the city at conventions is thus nullified, and on all important issues, or candidates, New York's vote amounts to nothing. Tammany Hall and the County Democrats always voting on opposite sides.

This will be the first meeting of the State Committee in years that Sheriff Flack has not attended. not attended.

The Convention will probably be held here.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether the Convention sho id be held before or after the Republican Convention, which is billed here for the 25th of September.

A WEIRD CHICAGO YARN.

CHICAGO, Aug 19.-An interesting yarn pub lished here to-day is the following : At a picnic yesterday, given by the Pioneer Relief and Aid Society for the benefit of the families of the imprisoned Anarchists, Sophia Schwab, agel two, it some way became entangled in the strings that held a lot of toy balloons.

gled in the strings that held a lot of toy balloons.

In struggling to get loose from them they became detached from their fastenings and sailed
up in the air, carrying the shricking child with
them, the mother fainted and the utmost excitement and horror prevailed as the balloons gradually rose to a height of about 200 feet.

When the breeze carried the balloons out over
the lake the baby was given up for lost.

About this time first Koch, an expert rifleman
who was present, rushed for his rifle and called
for a boat.

The beat was quickly produced, and with two
oarsmen followed after the babe.

The balloons still maintained their altitude
and were fast sailing out over the lake.

As soon as the boat was near enough Koch
commenced firing at the balloons, and one after
another was pierced until the bunch began to
settle.

Then the boat was rapidly unilled further out.

Then the boat was rapidly pulled further out, and when the balloon descended the child was rescuel before she touched the water.

Although terribly frightened the babe was un-

JOHN L. ON HIS RETURN.

IMPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 19. - John L. Sullivan and his party passed through this city at 7 e'clock this morning
He expects his appeal to the Supreme Court to
be pigeonholed and the case dropped.

To Albany to Fight Gen. Dunne. Corporation Counsel Clark went to Alban this morning to appear before Attorney-General Tabor on the settlement of the case testing Gen. James C. Duane's eligibility as an Aqueduct

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WASIT"OLD JOSH?"

PRICE ONE CENT.

at the Central Club.

But the Tammany Braves and Countles Denman Thompson's Manager and Friends Vehement in Denial.

> Many Who Believe "The Old Homestead's " Creator to Be the Victim,

It is evident that somebody has dropped \$150,000 to the genteel gamblers who run the resort known as the Central Club at 818 Broadway. It was an actor, so the gomips say, and they have fixed upon Denman

Thompson as the man. All sorts of rumors were current about town this morning, and all seemed to indicate with astonishing unanimity that it could be no one but the hero of "The Old Home stead."

Thompson's past record gives considerable color to the rumor. It is said that when the season closed "Uncle Josh" put a cool \$100,000 in the Bank of the Metropolis to his own credit.

Every one thought then that he'd go to his

old home in Swansea, but he didn't. He stayed in town and one day wandered into 818 Broadway.

There night after night his ears listened to the click of the everies, while his eves never the click of the ivories, while his eyes never tired looking at the spotted pasteboards.

That is, he cidn't get tired until he had dropped nearly \$150,000, savs Dame Rumor.

He said nothing, however, and coolly pocketed his losses. Some one heard of it, mysteriously whispered it to a triend, and in a twinkling the whole town was crying that Deuman Thompson had been bitten. These rimors were born, it is said, in the Union Square Club, corner of Seventeenth street and Fourth avenue.

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Thompson's friends brand the story as a lie. Mr. E. G. Gilmore, h.s. manager, swears that there is not a particle of truth

in it.

He says that Mr. Thompson was in town simply because he found it more pleasant than the country, and that at no time has Denman been where he could not have placed his hand on him had he so desired, Mr. Thompson went home with him every night, and spent his evenings in the house.

Mr. Comstock, the agent of the theatre, said: "The story is preposterous. Why, the old man gives all his mency to his wife, and she transects all his financial business for him. Now, where could he get \$150,000 without her knowing anything about it?"

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Manager J. M. Hill denies also that there is any truth in the story. Notwithstanding these denials there seems to be some truth in the story, for a genteman whom The Everging World Thompson sell out Pat Kehoe's place if he wasn't short and in a tight place? You know that when Keboe lost his place on Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue Thompson gave him money to start the Woodbina, Kehoe did Thompson a favor once and the old man never torgot it. He must have been awful short to have closed Pat up."

The Evening World man called at the Academy of Music this morning. Mr. E. A. McFarland, Denman I hompson's son-in-law,

McHariand, Denman I hompson's son-in-law, came to the door. When questioned as to truth in the story. Mr. Thompson has not touched a card in two years and the only gambing he has done has been to bet on a few races. few races.
"He has been at Swansea nearly all Sum-

mer, simply coming here once or twice a week to see how his company was getting week to see how his company was getting a.ong.

'He has been a gambler and has visited No. 818. But he has not touched a card or gambled, except at the races, in two years.

'Please contradict the story that Mrs. Thompson holds the strings of the old man'a purse. It is no such thing. She has a fortune of her own and Thompson has his own account in the bank.

'In relation to Pat Kehoe's place let me say a word. Kehoe never owned the place. His daughter went to school with my wife, and it was through her that Kehoe got the place. Thompson bought it in my name. Kehoe was manager.

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"He gambled away his money and came out behind every sea on about \$2,000, and it was only wen I caught him making misstatements about the place that we closed

"Mr. Thompson will be here himself this

week and he will tell you the same thing." Notwithstanding all these denials there still lingers a suspicion that "Unite Josh" did get caught, and is rather ashamed of it.

A gang of laborers were at work this morning excavating a cellar for a new building at 188 Eim street, when the spade of one of the men struck a piece of wood.

DUG UP A CHILD'S SKELETON.

On digging around it the laborer discovered On digging around it the laborer discovered that it was a small wooden box, and in an instant his fellow-workmen crowded around him to see what his find would develop.

Visions of buried treasure flashed through their minds, and, though the box was rather light to the touch and gave forth no sound of clinking metal, there were few in the parry but what expected to see something of value.

The end of a pick was inserted under the lid and a sharp wrench broke off the cover, when the men, eagerly leaning forward, were hortfled to see that the box contained a skeleton.

It was that of a little child, and from all appearances had peacefully reposed in the ground for about a year.

A policeman conveyed the ghastly find to the Mulberry street police station, where the policemen speculated on the possibility of a crime having been perpetrated.

BAILIFFS MOBBOD IN WALES.

IMPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD. LONDON. Aug. 19.-It is learned that two balls iffs, attempting to collect tithes at Pembroks, Wales, were chased and stoned by the people and worried by dogs until they swore that they would never again serve as tithing officers.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.] Panis, Aug. 19.-Thomas A. Edison, the American electrician, was to-day given rank as an Italian Count, he being presented, by a Spa-

Home Run, Three-Base Hit,